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LIVELY SCHOOL MEETING

HELD IN GLEN RIDGE BOROUGH TUESDAY NIGHT.

Resolution to Reorganize School Building Voted Down—Sharp Fight Over Educational Matters—A Fairly Lively Session in the Borough School House.

The Glen Ridge school meeting held Tuesday night in the assembly room of the borough school was a lively one. The Board of Education presented the following resolutions to the voters:

"1. Resolved, That the Board of Education be authorized to enlarge the school house and to furnish the same and to improve the school grounds at a cost not to exceed \$25,000."

"2. Resolved, That the Board of Education be authorized to take and condemn for school purposes the land on Bloomfield avenue extending from High street to Hillside avenue in this borough, with a depth of 377 feet on High street and 641 feet on Hillside avenue."

"3. Resolved, That the Board of Education be authorized to sell the school land on Hillside avenue."

"4. Resolved, That there be raised by district tax for current expenses of the school, \$14,575; for manual training, \$735; making a total of \$15,310."

The total vote polled was 114; about 24 women were present. The first resolution was defeated by a vote of 43 to 48; the second was carried by a vote of 47 to 44, and the fourth was carried by a vote of 89 for the appropriation recommended, and 37 for the \$12,000 appropriation.

It was not noticed by the voters that the fourth resolution asked for an increase of \$2,000 over last year. The vote was cast without attention being called to that fact. The trustees were balloted for without ever being nominated, no one paying much attention as to who was running.

In answer to a question William Ford Upson, a member of the Board of Education, said that if the board was authorized to condemn the lands on Bloomfield avenue, Hillside avenue and High street for a playground the money to purchase the same would have to be raised by the issue of bonds. The sale of the Hillside avenue school lot, he said, would not be sufficient to pay for the new playground.

Edward A. Smith said that it was common talk that Glen Ridge had the best school building and poorest school in the State. In proof of this he said that the members of the Board of Education sent their own children to the Montclair High School. The board has had unlimited means, he said, at its disposal. All the money it asked for each year was given it, and the results should have been better, he asserted. The present school building and equipment has cost over \$100,000, and with the increase asked for would make it \$150,000.

"Glen Ridge," he continued, "is not large, only in the count of those that organized it. The board has not given us what we were entitled to. The High School has only graduated one single scholar, which is small for the investment. The school is simply one big pretence."

William E. Simmons, who resides in Baldwin street, thought his children were receiving as good an education in the Glen Ridge School as they would receive in Montclair or Bloomfield, but he was not in favor of adding to the present school building. He advocated the erection of primary schools in the north and south ends of the borough.

"In the north end where I live," said Mr. Simmons, "there are lots of young married women, and the population is growing rapidly."

Adelbert E. Hunt, who resides in Hawthorne place and who is himself principal of a New York public school, advocated the erection of a primary school in the south end of the borough.

"In order to attend school," said Mr. Hunt, "my children and my neighbors' children have to walk one and a quarter miles four times a day."

This, he said, was too much for children attending the kindergarten and first grade classes. He cited an instance of a friend who had been anxious to locate in Glen Ridge near his home, but did not do so on account of the distance from the school. Instead the friend erected a \$12,000 residence in Upper Montclair.

Raymond Roberts, district clerk, corrected Mr. Smith's statement that there was only one graduate from the High School by saying that six pupils had graduated.

Mr. Upson read a letter from the president of two colleges at which graduates from the school had entered, and he stated that the students were entirely satisfactory and well prepared.

Mayor Lookwood was sorry to hear his friend, Mr. Smith, say that the school was "a pretence," for by personal experience and many visits to the school he knew it was as good as Montclair's High School, or any other High School.

Assessor Hampton L. Johnston thought that the present bonded indebtedness of \$250,000 was about as much as Glen Ridge should carry.

"The gross value of taxable property in the borough," he said, "is \$2,000,000, and it requires \$600,000 to run the borough government, which makes a tax rate of \$3 per \$100. The Legislature has passed a law prohibiting a higher tax rate than \$1.50 per \$100. This would necessitate doubling our valuations, and once the valuations are raised they can never be lowered."

He favored the erection of primary schools in the north and south ends of the borough, as it would induce building in these sections, which means an increase in population.

"But we should do nothing this year," said Mr. Johnston. "There is plenty of room in this building which is not utilized. This assembly room could be used for the High School or four class rooms could be constructed on the third floor at a cost of not over \$10,000. The addition for which we are asked to pay \$25,000 for is to have four class rooms, which is at the rate of \$7,500 a room. I wouldn't do it, gentlemen. When you get your tax bills this fall you will find them high enough without this addition."

The question was asked if it was true that members of the Glen Ridge Board of Education were sending their children to the Montclair School, and if so, for what reason.

It seemed to be an admission on the part of the trustees themselves that the Glen Ridge School was not good enough for their own children.

No member of the board seemed prepared to answer the question. But Theodore M. Nevins, president of the Board of Education, said that Glen Ridge was the garden spot of the State, and the school building and grounds should be in keeping with it.

"Children," he said, "are receiving in the Glen Ridge school as good an education as they could get in Montclair. I had one son who was a graduate from the Montclair High School, and one from the Bloomfield High School." He considered the Montclair High School a good one and the Bloomfield School one of the poorest.

Mr. Johnston said in reply that he would not permit to pass anything that would reflect upon the schools of his neighboring town; of late years he had no personal knowledge of the present condition of the Bloomfield schools, but that he knew from personal knowledge and careful investigation of the Bloomfield High School under the administration of Mr. John B. Dunbar, the Bloomfield High School had the reputation in the opinion of those best qualified to judge of being one of the best high schools in the State of New Jersey.

A. H. Tyson presided at the meeting and Edward L. Hynes was secretary. The chairman appointed Mayor Lookwood and George W. Hulbert tellers for the appropriations, and George W. Hancock and W. Wallace Schuler tellers for the election of members of the board. The following were elected members of the board: George W. Reynolds, Henry G. Cordery and Edward N. Bristol for three years. The first two succeeded themselves and the latter succeeded John B. Phillips. There was only one ticket in the field.

Empire Theatre.

The well-known players, Louis Mann and Clara Lipman, are to be the Empire Theatre's attraction next week, beginning Monday evening. They come direct from their long and successful run at the Fields Theatre, New York city, where they were forced to vacate on account of that theatre passing into other hands. The play "Julie Bon-Bon," in which they are to appear, is the work of Miss Lipman and was therefor written especially with the view of showing both performers to the best possible advantage.

Mr. Louis Mann as Jean Poujol, an alcoholic and impetuous Frenchman, gives one of the most logically sustained and thoroughly enjoyable characterizations seen in many years in New York city, and has won for himself an individual triumph overshadowing every other effort of this sterling actor's famous creations. The supporting company includes a great many well-known players in the cast of forty speaking parts. Matinee Wednesday and Saturday.

Base Ball.

The Excelsior Athletic Club of Glen Ridge, whose membership is made up of boys thirteen and fourteen years old, has organized a base ball club with the following players: James Reed, catcher; W. H. White, first base; Harvey Jones, short stop and pitcher; John Webb, third base; Christian Elias, left field; William Grobe, centre field; George Samuelson, right field; and pitcher; Raymond Howard, substitute. The Excelsiors are ready to accept challenges from juvenile teams of about their own age. William Grobe, Baldwin street, Glen Ridge, is secretary of the club.

GETTING READY

For a Public Celebration of the Fourth of July—President Biggart of the Board of Trade will Head a Committee—Local Organizations Planning Events for the Street Parade.

The 1906 Fourth of July celebration carried out under the auspices of the Board of Trade was a decided success. In fact it was such a jubilee success that in many people's opinion it established a precedent to be continued in the future anniversary of the principal national holiday. Several members of the Board of Trade were among those highly pleased with the venture, and are enthusiastic for a public celebration of the Fourth in 1906 along the lines followed in 1905.

It is now assured that the Board of Trade will again take the initiative in another public celebration, and the early announcement of that fact will perhaps lead to timely steps that will result in a demonstration that will eclipse that of 1905. It will be remembered that the celebration last year was planned on short notice, and there was some doubt about a public appreciation of the project. Subsequent events proved the public to be in hearty accord with the affair, and if the plans had been made earlier a much more elaborate parade would have been arranged.

As soon as the Board of Trade banquet, which takes place in April, is out of the way, President Biggart of the board will appoint a Fourth of July celebration committee, which will get to work early. The main features of the 1906 celebration were a street parade in the morning, athletic games including base ball in the afternoon, and fireworks in the evening. These same main features will probably be followed this year and elaborated upon as much as possible.

From talk now current in lodge and other fraternal organization circles there is a possibility of several picturesque floats of historic character being a feature of the street parade. One organization is planning a panorama float of "Washington Crossing the Delaware," for presentation in the street parade.

The prospect of "76" will undoubtedly tempt their ranks, and the firemen, it is rumored, intend making an imposing part of the procession. Chief Maxwell of the Darktown is planning new stunts for his brigade, and some of the local business men intend to be represented in the street parade in a manner that will do credit to the affair. Williamson field will in all probability again be the scene of the athletic contests which were such a successful feature of last year's celebration.

The fireworks committee of 1906 will profit by the experience of the committee of 1905, and will see to it that the fireworks dealer lives up to the letter of his contract.

President Biggart, like his predecessor President Sutphen, is in enthusiastic accord with the proposition for a public Fourth of July, and he will have the energetic co-operation of those who did so much to making the 1905 celebration the success that it was.

A Surprise.

The Misses Carrie and Edna Monks of 18 New street were given a complete surprise on Saturday evening last. Among those present were their friends and relatives from Midvale, N. J., including the Misses Minnie Vandine, Lottie Blocker, Edith and Grace Rhin-smith, Lizzie Barrett, May Rhin-smith, Messrs. John Chandler, Charles Becker, Harry Rhin-smith, Newman and Elmer Rhin-smith, George Barrett, Walter Rhin-smith, Howard and Harrison Bond, Mr. August Truitt and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Monks and family of this town. The evening was greatly enjoyed by all, the Misses Monks being good entertainers. The time went all too quickly in music and games, and after refreshments were served the stroke of twelve came all too soon for the young people who had to get their train for the train like time, wait for no man; so after bidding their hostess good night they left on their homeward journey to Midvale, N. J.

Hit by Trolley Car.

A horse attached to a two-seated carriage containing John Sisco of this town and Harry Morris of Newark, was struck by a westbound trolley car of the Orange and Passaic Valley line Tuesday night at Glenwood and Linden avenues. The rig was wrecked and Morris and Sisco were painfully cut and bruised about the head and face. The horse freed itself from the wagon and ran to its stable in Willow street. The accident was caused by the horse swerving to one side and getting the wagon into the trolley tracks.

Theatre tickets procured, parcels, valuable letters, etc., delivered in Newark 25 cents, New York 35 cents. Glenn-nor's 204 Glenwood avenue. Phone 1324-a.—Advt.

JAMES C. BEACH

Died on Wednesday Morning from Pneumonia—Was a Well Known and Highly Respected Resident of the Town—His Death Lamented by Many Friends.

James C. Beach died at his home, No. 12 Beach street, at an early hour on Wednesday morning. His death was due to pneumonia, which developed from an attack of grip.

The funeral service took place at the Beach street home on Friday afternoon, March 23, and was conducted by the Rev. George A. Paul of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Beach was a member.

James C. Beach was born in the home of his grandfather, Israel Crane, in Cranston (West Bloomfield), New Montclair, seventy-nine years ago. His father was Ephraim Beach, a civil engineer, who was engaged in the construction of the Morris Canal and the Morris and Essex Railroad.

Mr. Beach entered Princeton College, and was graduated from that institution at the age of eighteen years. His long business career began as a clerk in the American Exchange Bank, and later as cashier of the Marine Bank, New York. Mr. Beach made his daily journeys to and from New York previous to the building of the Newark and Bloomfield Railroad. He would drive to the Centre street station, Newark, and there take the train for New York.

He was a successful business man, a good citizen, and a devout churchman. He was diligent in business; he participated actively in all matters concerning the public welfare, and he was regular in his attendance at church services and a liberal giver to the support of the church and all its benevolences.

In business circles Mr. Beach was widely known, owing to his position as Treasurer of the Railway Steel Spring Company, one of the large corporations of the country. He retired from that position on March 1st.

Mr. Beach entered manufacturing in Montclair, operating a paper mill under the firm name of Wheeler & Beach. Later he was engaged in the manufacture of paper in Wallkill, N. Y. While on a business trip in Vermont years ago he met with the inventor of the Allan paper car, "Beach," and through his instrumentality the Allan Paper Car Wheel Company was started and proved a success. The Allan Company was merged with the Steel Tire Car Wheel Company, and later on, the two companies were absorbed by the Railway Steel Spring Company.

Mr. Beach had an interest in the Lapin Brake Shoe Company, and he sold his interest when that company was disposed of to the American Brake Shoe and Foundry Company.

He was one of the original members of the Board of Directors of the Bloomfield National Bank, which was organized in July, 1889. As was his custom with all business matters with which he was identified, he was regular in his attendance at the directors' meetings and took a deep interest in the bank, and he was regarded by his fellow directors as a valuable member of the board on account of his sound views and his wide experience in business matters. Mr. Beach was vice-president of the Bloomfield Coal and Supply Company.

In addition to the industrial and financial interests with which he was personally identified, he looked after considerable property interest, both for himself and as an executor, and his advice and counsel were sought in many business transactions by friends and residents of this town, who had great faith in his judgment and advice. People of humble means, who sought Mr. Beach's counsel in business transactions, always found him ready and willing to aid them to the best of his ability.

With all his engrossing business cares Mr. Beach never lost sight of the duties of citizenship. He was one of the coteries of men who gave to Bloomfield its reputation for conservatism in the conducting of public affairs. He served the town in an official capacity in many ways during his life time, and on occasions whenever a committee of citizens was appointed to take under consideration some public matter of particular importance he was always among the first names suggested for a place on the committee.

In the days when public business was largely transacted through the medium of public gatherings known as town meetings and school meetings, Mr. Beach was a regular attendant at such meetings, and his voice had an influence in directing the course of public affairs. In position Mr. Beach was a Republican.

To the younger element in the political life of the town Mr. Beach was chiefly known by a reputation that commanded the highest respect of the older element with whom he had been personally associated in public life. He was loved alike by rich and poor. Notwithstanding a somewhat

brusque manner of expressing his sentiments at times Mr. Beach was a man of warm sympathies, and his admirable traits of character were best known to those of his fellow-citizens long and intimately associated with him.

While a successful business career and a dutiful citizenship were two distinguishing and admirable traits in Mr. Beach's long and useful career, it is a noteworthy fact that it is in local religious circles that his death will be most deeply mourned and his loss most sincerely felt. In his death Westminster Presbyterian Church loses a valued and beloved member, and the pastor of that church a loyal and close friend. Mr. Beach has been actively identified with the Presbyterian Church all his life. Gifted with a fine voice he employed that talent in the service of the church for many years.

He never lost interest in the Old First Church, and retained a family pew there for many years while attending Westminster Church. He was at one time superintendent of the Westminster Church Sunday-school, and the fine organ in that church is a gift from him as a memorial to a dearly loved daughter.

His charities were many and unknown. He was a lover of the home-life, and his pride in his home prompted a love of his town and of his fellow-townsmen to some of whom he was a benefactor, to others a counselor, and to all a friend.

In Memory of Mr. Beach.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bloomfield National Bank held on Thursday, March 23, 1906, the following resolutions were passed on the death of James C. Beach:

WHEREAS in the Providence of God, whose dealings the human mind often cannot fathom, but whom we must recognize as invariably just and right, James C. Beach has been taken from us never to return,

WHEREAS the departed was one of the organizers, a charter stockholder, and a director, of this institution continuously since the date of organization in 1889, and whereas he had invariably given to the bank the full benefit, not only of his wide and lifelong experience in the great Metropolis as a banker and business man, but also of his sterling character and noble principles,

WHEREAS Mr. Beach was furthermore one of the most highly respected citizens of Bloomfield, and a warm personal friend for many years of the members of this Board, be it

RESOLVED that we as the directors of the Bloomfield National Bank offer this simple but heartfelt token of our high regard for the departed and of our keen appreciation of the deep loss which we have sustained, both as directors of this institution and citizens of Bloomfield, and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be sent to the family of the departed and also be spread upon the records of the bank that those who follow may be reminded of the invaluable services so willingly rendered by our late brother.

Committee on Resolutions,
G. JEN STOUT,
WM. A. BALDWIN.

W. C. T. U.

"Woman's Work and Influence for Temperance" was the subject of an address by Mrs. Emma Bourne, State President of the W. C. T. U., at a meeting held at the home of Rev. Dr. Charles R. Woodruff, Park street, Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Bourne told of the encouragements that have come to the cause in the way of stamping out the liquor traffic, saying that railroad companies would not employ men who use liquor. She said that President Gompers of the Federation of Labor, was urging trades unions to segregate themselves from saloons and not hold meetings in halls over drinking places.

"Again," continued Mrs. Bourne, "many magazines and newspapers are refusing to advertise liquors or patent medicines made up of alcohol. The agitation in favor of more stringent liquor laws has come to stay, and the back rooms and screens must go."

There were piano solos by Miss Edith Alvinston, and vocal solos by Mrs. C. S. Woodruff. Ten persons were received into membership.

Church Notes.

At the Park M. E. Church to-morrow the minister, Dr. C. S. Woodruff, will preach at 10:30 on the "Transfigured Life," and in the evening on "The Man of Patience."

The afternoon service in Christ Church to-morrow will be a musical service. The vocal choir will render the sacred cantata "Great is God," by Spohr. The music of this cantata is exceedingly pleasing, and will well repay those who may attend the service. The Rev. C. O. Woodruff, pastor of Grace Church, Newark, will deliver a short address. The service is at 4:30 o'clock.

PROTECT your securities and valuable papers against FIRE and BURGLARS by renting a box in the safe deposit vaults of the Bloomfield National Bank. Houses to rent at \$4.50 per year and upwards.—Advt.

Newark News, delivered, ten cents a week; New York World, daily and Sunday, twenty cents a week. All the papers, magazines, etc. Prompt delivery. JNO. B. GLENNON.—Advt.

TOWN COUNCIL.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE INTRODUCED MONDAY NIGHT.

Amount to be Expended for Town Purposes Reflected One Thousand Dollars—School Appropriation Not Determined—Other Matters Considered by the Council.

The annual appropriation ordinance was introduced at the Town Council meeting Monday night and passed after reading. The appropriations are as follows:

Street Lighting.....	\$11,000
Police.....	5,000
Fire.....	6,000
Road repairs.....	7,000
Post.....	3,000
Bonds and interest.....	30,000
Incidentals.....	7,000
Total.....	\$69,000

The above does not include the annual appropriation for school purposes, which will probably be \$44,000 or \$45,000.

There is an increase in the lighting, police and fire appropriations, and a decrease in the bonds and interest and incidentals accounts. The appropriations this year for town purposes are less than last year.

Under ordinary circumstances the tax rate this fiscal year would be about the same as last year, but legislation affecting the tax rate is of such an indefinite character that nothing can be determined in advance about assessable valuations or the tax rate.

As the case now stands the Hillery law, with its maximum tax rate of \$1.50, is in force, and unless it is amended or repealed by the Legislature now in session, tax valuations will have to conform to its requirements.

If the Hillery law is to be applied to assessment of property this year the county tax will probably be 35 points lower—115 points for the town. The sum to be raised by taxation for all purposes is \$150,000, and it will require taxable valuations to the amount of ten million dollars to do it. Present valuations amount to about \$6,000,000, and an increase of \$3,000,000 in valuations will have to be made to meet requirements.

At the meeting of the Town Council on Monday night Mr. Farand, chairman of the Finance Committee, acted on the Town Treasurer, Harry L. Osborne, for a statement in regard to payments received for improvement assessments.

Mr. Osborne said that there were a number of interest-bearing notes outstanding that had been issued in payment of street, sidewalk and sewer work, and a considerable amount had been paid in by property owners, and he desired authorization to apply the sum paid in to the retirement of an equivalent amount of the notes. He was authorized to take such action.

Mr. Murray of the Legal Committee said that in examining the lighting contract presented by the Public Service Corporation he had found a difference in the wording from last year's agreement. In the old contracts there is a clause which says: "Electric light shall be furnished sufficient to supply an 1,800-candle power arc light," while in the new agreement nothing is said about "candle," a substitute being made by the words "1,800 C. P. light."

The Council voted to refer the ordinance back to the Lighting Committee to have the former clause inserted.

A communication from the Board of Trade asking that the Council pass an ordinance for the collection and disposal of garbage was referred to the Ordinance Committee.

A petition for a sidewalk extending from Broad street to the Erie Railroad, on Bloomfield avenue, a distance of 4,300 feet, was referred to the Sidewalk Committee.

The Northern Realty Company made application for a sewer in Glenwood avenue from Llewellyn avenue to the East Orange line. It was referred to the Sewer Committee.

The election of Cornelius Modigan of 627 Bloomfield avenue as an active member of Phoenix Hose Company No. 1 was confirmed.

The applications of Giovanni Barozzi of 10 Orange street for a transfer of his liquor license to John E. Sherman, and of George W. Hobbs of 425 Bloomfield avenue for a transfer of his license to Joseph T. Longmote, were laid over for two weeks.

A Reception.

Mrs. John Derrick was tendered a reception Monday night at her home in Bloomfield avenue. The parlors were tastefully decorated with similar cut flowers and palms and a most enjoyable evening was spent by the guests, among whom were: Frank Baifer, Mr. Bow-mister, Louis and Edward McGonigall, George Miller, Mr. Kassar, Otto Hansen, the Misses Mabel, Ida and Elsie Hoffman, Miss Caroline Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. F. Winger, Mr. Lang, Miss Goss, Miss Lettie Burger, J. Burger, Mr. Henry and Mr. Buzzalet.